

HB 6645

To All Whom This May Concern,

I am a concerned citizen, asking you to please vote against the bill that supports assisted suicide. This is not a good bill for many reasons. Because if this bill gets passed, it's going to open a gateway for all kinds of abuse. The sick and the elderly and possibly the depressed will be encouraged to go along with it. This has already happened in Oregon. In 2008, in just one month in Oregon, two terminally ill patients were turned down for health care by the state, but instead were told that their assisted suicide would be paid for. I find this to be outrageous. Doctors are often wrong about the time line of when a patient might die. There are people who have lived way longer than what their doctor said they would, and some of them have had quality time. This bill encourages people to cheat themselves out of life.

Not only this, but the Dutch Government reported that half of all their assisted suicides were involuntary and not due to the request of the patient. And in Belgium, most of their patients that were euthenized, were over 80 years old and euthenized without their consent. This proves it can lead to abuse, because people are being euthenized who are not requesting to die.

Then you have those grey areas where chronic pain sufferers might try to claim they have the right to die, when what they really need is help with pain management.

On top of all this, I have read that the drug they give you for the assisted suicide does not work quickly and it's a long drawn out, agonizing death where you have convulsions and everything.

For all these reasons, I ask you not to legalize this bill. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Kim Bush